

Torch Lake Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
Bootjack Fire Hall
Wednesday, October 21, 2020

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The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Torch Lake Township Board was called to order at 6pm by Supervisor Cadwell.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Cadwell, yes; Moore, yes; Sapino, yes and Isola, yes. Ambuehl, absent.

A motion was made by Isola and a second by Moore to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Moore and a second by Sapino was made to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2020 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence:

A letter from Charter dated October 1, 2020. Statements and dates for customer payments will be changing and customers will be notified .

Joseph Wilburg sent a letter dated 10-19-2020 regarding property he owns 52279 corner of 15th and M26 stating that the repairs from previous flooding have left his property needing repairs. Since receiving his letter the area has been paved over and repaired. Supervisor Cadwell will advise the owner.

A thank you note was received from Margaret Rheault for the help the Township gave her to remove asbestos.

A motion by Isola and a second from Sapino made a motion to place the correspondence on file. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Moore and seconded by Sapino to approve the prepaid bills from the General Fund of \$36175.54, bills from the Garbage Fund of \$15876.69 and current bills from the General Fund of \$8533.37. Roll call: Moore, yes; Cadwell, yes and Isola, yes, and Sapino, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Isola reported that she applied for a Grant for \$5000.00 from the Center for Tech and Civic Life to be used to purchase a new voting tabulator. The money could be used for anything related to the elections and voting. We were awarded the grant for \$5000.00 and they have already deposited the funds in our account. A new tabulator will cost around \$5300.00 so we may end up spending an additional \$1000.00 for freight and a case for it.

Treasurer Moore reported that the interest rate on the Park Fund went up and also Range Bank wants to lower the interest rate on the Garbage Fund and charge a fee instead. Treasurer Moore will request that they leave it as is. A motion by Isola and a second by Sapino was made to place the Treasurer's report on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Cadwell's report: Blight on 14th street should be removed by Friday this week. A letter was sent to the owner of blighted property on J Avenue. 36175.5410 days is allowed for the owner to respond. The vehicles on the road will have to be removed before winter comes. Blight on 17th street is all cleaned up and there is a new tenant there. The Bond building clean p is being looked into by Supervisor Cadwell. Looking into getting funds from KEDA and County assistance for help. Hydrants are back in service and have been painted by Roger in maintenance to spruce them up. All the paving has been done on the Hubbell streets. Traverse Engineering is working on funding from FEMA for \$200,000.00 to clean storm drains next year. Roger has an issue with his back and will be off for an undetermined period of time. A motion was made by Moore and a second by Isola to place the Supervisor's report on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Committees:

Sewage: None

Refuse: Schoolcraft is selling the 2001 Ford F250 pickup that the Joint Refuse has been using for the spring break up during road restrictions. Joint Refuse hopes to purchase it for \$6000.00.

Fire: Hubbell Fire Department will be pricing a new laptop. Also, they would like to drop their phone line and just have the fax. They can go through First Net with ATT. On Halloween the Fire Department will be patrolling and the Department will be handing out juice boxes etc, during the 4 pm to 7 pm trick or treat hours.

Parks: None

Roads: None

Old Business: A report on Milfoil treatment is on file at the Township office. All future treatments will be within approved funds. Previous spending 2018 was \$24185.00, 2019 was \$9357.00, 2020 was \$3953.00 and estimated spending is 2021, \$9900.00, 2022, \$10000.00 and 2023, \$10000.00.

New Business: A motion by Isola and a second by Moore was made to accept Sarazin Loggings bid of \$4400.00 to plow the Bootjack Fire Department lot for winter 2020-2021. Roll call: Isola, yes; Sapino, yes; Cadwell, yes; and Moore, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Cadwell and a second by Moore was made to set trick or treat hours from 4-7pm for Halloween. All in favor, motion carried.

Public comment: A person attending the meeting asked if Hubbell maintenance could plow the Bootjack Fire Hall. The sidewalks and Township parking lot and moving snow build up doesn't leave time to plow the Bootjack lot which some days if plowed more than once.

Tim Reitz asked if Supervisor Cadwell heard from the owner of the White City property. He has not heard from him.

Sue Lewis and Judy Hliss asked if there is any way to prevent all the stuff being parked on the streets and cluttering neighborhood.

Sue Lewis also mentioned that Ray Gertz was not happy with the 30 feet of pipe that was removed and is having drainage issues. Brian will talk to Traverse Engineering.

Sue Lewis thank the Township and the Fire Department for all they have done this past year.

There being no further business, Sapino made a motion to adjourn and a second was made by Moore. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p. m.

There being no further business a motion was made by Sapino and a second by Moore. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Respectfully,

Mary Isola, Clerk